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also wrote Louis Heren, Times of London, with copies

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Dear Editor,

If you remember your 1967 circulation war, perhaps the enclosed U.S. Government records, which I obtained from the Department of Justice, will interest you.

In my view the report on how the USIS undertook to help your competitor represents an improper intrusion into internal Australian and journalistic affairs.

I obtained these records under the Freedom of Information Act, just recently. I know there are others like them, including the CIA, but those I have, which are far from all, do not have Australian angles.

Professor Goodhart's propaganda received extentive U.S. treatment, so the Government was feeding its foreign propaganda back to the U.S. This is not the only such case. Goodhart also wrote the same stuff for U.S. publications after this.

Of course, official efforts within the U.S. were more extensive.

The name "Slawson" in the margin is of a Warren Commission counsel who then was hired by the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice. It apparently routed this record to the Criminal Division. On Government time and with its facilities and other employees he wrote in support of the official story years after the life of the Commission ended.

I am the author of the first book on the Warren Commission and of by far more than anyone else. The FBI tried to booby-trap me from coast to coast, on radio and TV shows, using one of its symbolled informants in San Francisco and four New York lawyers in that city. In each case they helped my book much, if unintendedly.

Under FOIA I have obtained FBI records in which it states the intent to "stop" me and my writing.

These are among about a quarter of a million pages of once secret records pertaining to the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. King that I have obtained under FOIA. They will be part of a permanent university archive.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg